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The revised Directive, as approved, is circulated herewith to the Council for information and to the Director of Central Intelligence for appropriate action.

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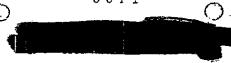
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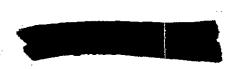
- 1. The National Security Council, taking commission of the vicious covert activities of the USCR, its satellite countries and Communist groups to discredit and defeat the nime and activities of the United States and other Western rewers, has determined that, in the interests of world peace and US national security, the overt foreign activities of the US Government must be supplemented by covert operations.
- 2. The Contral Intelligence Agency is charged by the National Security Council with conducting espionage and counter-espionage operations abroad. It therefore seems desirable, for operational reasons, not to create a new agency for covert operations, but in time of peace to place the responsibility for them within the structure of the Contral Intelligence Agency and correlate them with espionage and counter-espionage operations under the over-all control of the Director of Contral Intelligence.
- 3. Therefore, under the authority of Section 102(d)(5) of the National Security Act of 1947, the National Security Council hereby directs that in time of peace:
  - a. A new office of Special Projects shall be created within the Central Intelligence Agency to plan and conduct covert operations; and in coordination with the Joint Chiefs of Staff to plan and prepare for the conduct of such operations in wartime.
  - b. A highly qualified person, nominated by the Secretary of State, acceptable to the Director of Central Intelligence and approved by the National Security Council, shall be appointed as Chief of the Office of Special Projects.
  - c. The Chief of the Office of Special Projects shall report directly to the Director of Central Intelligence. For purposes of security and of flexibility of operations, and to the maximum degree consistent with efficiency, the Office of Special Projects shall operate independently of other components of Central Intelligence Agency.

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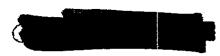
- The Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for:
  - (1) Ensuring, through designated representatives of the Secretary of State and of the Secretary of Defense, that covert operations are planned and conducted in a manner consistent with US foreign and military policies and with evert activities. In disagreements arising between the Director of Central Intelligence and the representative of the Sucretary of State or the Secretary of Defense over such plans, the matter shall be referred to the National Security Council for decision.
  - (2) Ensuring that plans for wartime covert operations are also drawn up with the assistance of a representative of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and are accepted by the latter as being consistent with and complementary to approved plans for wartime military operations.
  - (3) Informing, through appropriate channels, agencies of the US Government, both at home and abroad (including diplomatic and military representatives in each area), of such operations as will affect them.
- Covert operations pertaining to economic warfare will be conducted by the Office of Special Projects under the guidance of the departments and agencies responsible for the planning of economic variane.
- Supplemental funds for the conduct of the proposed operations for fiscal year 1949 shall be immediately requested. Thereafter operational funds for these purposes shall to included in normal Central Intelligence Agency Rudjet requests.
- In time of war, or when the President directs, all plans for covert operations shall be coordinated with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In active theaters of war where American forces are engaged, covert operations will be conducted under the direct command of the American Theater Commander and orders therefor will be transmitted through the Joint Chiefe of Staff unless otherwise directed by the Probident.
- 5. As used in this directive, "covert operations" are unferstood to be all activities (except as noted herein) which are conjucted or encapsed by this Coversant against hostile foreign states or groups or in support of friendly foreign states or crows but which are so planned and executed that any US Covernment region (billity for them is not evident to unmitherized persons and that if uncovered the US Government can

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plausibly disclaim any responsibility for them. Specifically, such operations shall include any covert activities related to: proparanda, economic warfare; preventive direct action, including sabotage, anti-sabotage, demolition and evacuation measures; subversion against hootile states, including assistance to underground resistance movements, guerrillas and refugee liberations groups, and support of indigenous anti-communist elements in threatened countries of the free world. Such operations shall not include armed conflict by recognized military forces, espiciage, counter-espiciage, and cover and deception for military operations.

6. This Directive supersedes the directive contained in RSC h-A, which is hereby concelled.

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